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amount of Rs. 8.51 crores has been allotted to different Doordarshan Kendras in the North-East, for producing programmes for telecast through the North-East Channel as well as local telecast.

An amount of Rs. 4.2 crores has been released in February, 2001 from the non-lapsable pool for production of software.

(c) and (d) For the year 2001-2002, the projected requirement of funds for the North-Eastern Region is Rs. 43.50 crores under Capital, out of which Rs. 26.75 crores is for Doordarshan, and Rs. 10.06 crores under Revenue, which is entirely for Doordarshan.

(e) Prasar Bharati has intimated that programmes produced in-house as well as those produced by outside producers are being, and would continue to be, telecast in the North-East Channel.

Action plan for reducing poverty

*330. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated any comprehensive action plan for reducing poverty and developing a community-based service in the country through massive development programmes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) This Ministry has been implementing a specific programme for the alleviation of urban poverty called "Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)" with effect from 01.12.1997 on all India basis to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor (i) through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) through provision of wage employment for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. This programme relies on creation of suitable community structures and delivery of inputs through the medium of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and such Community Structures (CSs). This programme is funded in the ratio

of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. Under SJSRY, Central funds amounting to Rs. 415.82 crores have been released to State/UT Governments upto February, 2001.

Proposal to End Shelterlessness

*331. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to end shelterlessness by the end of Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the various housing schemes through which a house would be provided to every person in various States;

(c) the progress thereof as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) As per the projections made by the Working Group for the 9th Plan, a total of 16.76 million units would have to be constructed in the urban areas during the 9th Plan period for covering housing shortage.

The National Housing & Habitat Policy, 1998 laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha on 29.07.1998 envisages Government's role as an enabler rather than builder. Government aims to create an enabling environment by removing the legal, regulatory, technical, and financial constraints facing the housing sectors. The State Governments are required to draw their own action plans to address the housing problems in their States.

Housing is a State subject. There is no Central Sector Scheme for provision of houses in urban areas. However, in order to facilitate construction of adequate housing facilities, particularly for EWS and LIG, Government of India has launched the 2 Million Housing Programme under which construction of 7 lakh houses in urban areas and 13 lakh in rural areas every year will be facilitated through State Government agencies on a demand-driven approach. At the present